



## Make the connection

Studying civics in your classroom? Make it real with these hands-on learning opportunities.

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### Office of the Secretary of State, Elections Division

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**Student Mock Election-** Students can go online to cast their votes for candidates and issues appearing on major election ballots. The next Mock Election will take place October 27-31, 2008. Students can compare their votes to the real election results on Nov. 4 (K-12, free).

**Voters' Pamphlet Cover Art Contest-** Students may submit their drawings to be considered for the cover of the Voters' Pamphlet. The contest is held in odd years and the winning artwork will be displayed on the cover of even-year pamphlets. The students whose artwork is selected are recognized by Secretary of State Sam Reed at a special ceremony at the students' schools (4-5, 10-12, free).

### King County Partnership in Democracy Program

Larry Judd: (206) 296-3833 or [larry.judd@kingcounty.gov](mailto:larry.judd@kingcounty.gov)

**Youth Poll Worker Program-** Students ages 16+ can volunteer at King County poll sites on August 19 and November 4. Not only will students gain a better understanding of the elections process by serving as official poll workers, they can earn money for their school club or team... up to \$150 per student per day! Youth poll workers can live in any county but must serve as part of a team (10-12, free).

### YMCA Youth & Government

Janelle Nesbit: (360) 357-3475 or [youthandgovexec@qwest.net](mailto:youthandgovexec@qwest.net)

**Mock Legislature & Mock Trial-** For over 60 years, Washington's Youth & Government has been helping young people experience democracy in action and gain a deep understanding of our democratic traditions, their importance, and how to sustain them through active participation. (8-12, call for program fee).

## Washington Bus Project

Wendy Cho Ripp: (206) 325-1889 or [wendy@washingtonbus.org](mailto:wendy@washingtonbus.org)

**Get on the Bus-** The Washington Bus Project is all about young people power. Students can volunteer with this non-profit organization to register voters at fun community events and learn how youth voters can be a political force (9-12, free).

## Washington State Legislature

Lucretia Turner, Senate Page Program: (360) 786-7560 or [turner.lucetia@leg.wa.gov](mailto:turner.lucetia@leg.wa.gov)

Greg Payne, House Page Program: (360) 786-7753 or [payne.greg@leg.wa.gov](mailto:payne.greg@leg.wa.gov)

**Legislative Page Program-** Students ages 14-16 can gain first-hand experience an insider perspective of state government by serving as a House or Senate page during the legislative session. Pages perform many tasks for legislators and staff, spend two hours a day in Page School learning about the legislative process, and are paid \$35 a day (9-11).

Kelly Martin, LYAC: (360) 786-7451 or [lyac@leg.wa.gov](mailto:lyac@leg.wa.gov)

**Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC)-** This 22 member council of students deliberates and advises the Legislature on issues and legislation important to Washington youth. Students serve two year terms; new members are selected in July each year (9-12, free).

Judi Best, Legislative Scholars: (360) 786-7451 or [best.judi@leg.wa.gov](mailto:best.judi@leg.wa.gov)

**Legislative Scholars-** Social studies, government, history and civics teachers can participate in this dynamic four-day training and learn first-hand about the legislative process. The program equips teachers with valuable resources and ideas to more effectively teach civics in the classroom. Teachers can receive up to 30 clock hours (teachers only, \$100 for lodging, meals and transportation).

Tony Aitken, Visitor Services: (360) 902-8880 or [aitken.tony@leg.wa.gov](mailto:aitken.tony@leg.wa.gov)

**Washington State Capitol Tours-** Visiting classes can learn about state government, participate in a mock hearing in the Supreme Court and learn about state history. State Capitol tours are designed to compliment school curriculum and provide a hands-on experience at the State Capitol. Reservations accepted year round; schedule well in advance to secure your preferred date and arrival time. (K-12, free)

